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**NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS**

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2004 Federal Groundfish Management Measures that Affect Fishermen in Federal and State Waters<sup>1</sup> off California

## **TRAWL**

### **FEDERAL LIMITED ENTRY<sup>2</sup>**

**May - June Update**

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**All Bottom Trawling is Prohibited Within The Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA).**

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***THIS UPDATE AFFECTS ONLY THE SPECIES OR SPECIES GROUPS LISTED BELOW!  
ALL OTHER LIMITS LISTED ON THE MAY1<sup>ST</sup> (orchid color) FLYER STILL APPLY!***

#### **ROCKFISH**

##### **LONGSPINE THORNYHEAD**

- Ø **North of 40° 10' N:** 18,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 1,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period, if small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period.
- Ø **South of 40° 10' N:** 18,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.

##### **SHORTSPINE THORNYHEAD**

- Ø **North of 40° 10' N:** 4,500 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 3,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period, if small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period.
- Ø **South of 40° 10' N:** 4,500 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.

#### **FLATFISH**

##### **DOVER SOLE**

###### **North of 40° 10' N:**

- Ø No more than 32,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 27,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period, if small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period.

###### **South of 40° 10' N:**

- Ø No more than 49,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.

##### **OTHER FLATFISH**

###### **North of 40° 10' N:** (including rex sole)

- Ø 100,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
- Ø If small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period, 80,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 30,000 pounds of which may be petrale sole.

##### **OTHER FLATFISH continued**

###### **South of 40° 10' N:** (including petrale & rex sole)

- Ø 120,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 20,000 pounds of which may be petrale sole.

##### **ARROWTOOTH FLOUNDER**

###### **North of 40° 10' N:**

- Ø 150,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
  - J · No more than 11,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period, if small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period.

#### **ROUND FISH**

##### **SABLEFISH<sup>6</sup>**

###### **North of 40° 10' N:**

- Ø No more than 16,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.
- Ø If small footrope is used at any time, north or south, during the cumulative period 10,000 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.

###### **South of 40° 10' N:**

- Ø 14,500 pounds during the 2-month cumulative period.

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- NOTES: 1. California adopts federal groundfish regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 189, Commercial Groundfish Fishing)
2. A vessel with a federal limited entry permit may fish in the open access fishery using a gear other than the endorsement gear; however, the vessel will be held to limited entry limits even if the open access limit is larger. If the open access limit is smaller than the limited entry limit, the vessel cannot land more than the open access limit using non-endorsed gear; the remainder of the limited entry limit may be taken with the endorsed gear.
3. Large footrope (greater than 8" in diameter); Small footrope (8" or less in diameter). All trawl types may be used seaward of the RCA. Only small footrope and midwater trawl is permissible shoreward of the RCA. A vessel may have more than one type of trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive limit for any of the gear applies for that trip. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA.
4. The 2-month fishing period are: January-February; March-April; May-June; July-August; September-October; November-December.
5. State Nearshore Fishery Permit and/or Deeper Nearshore Species Fishery Permit Required.
6. Sablefish trip limits are in round weight equivalent. California allows dressed weight to be reported on landing receipts. If so reported, the receipts must be marked with the code for "dressed head off" (02) in the condition column. The equivalent round weight is computed by multiplying 1.6 times the dressed weight.
7. Groundfish species or species groups for which there is a trip limit, size limit, or OY (optimum yield) must be sorted prior to weighing and the weight reported separately on the Fish and Game receipt.
8. Landing receipts for groundfish must be maintained onboard the vessel during and for 15 days after the end of the cumulative limit period during which the landings occurred (63 FR 34606) (Fish & Game Code 8046.1).
9. Operating in areas with different trip limits. If a vessel takes and retains a groundfish species or species groups; a.) in an area where a more restrictive limit applies before fishing in an area where a more liberal limit or no limit applies; or b.) in an area where a more liberal or no limit applies and takes and retains, possesses or lands that species or species group in an area where a more restrictive limit applies; then the vessel is subject to the more restrictive limit for the period.
10. Other Groundfish: leopard and soupfin shark, spiny dogfish; big, California and longnose skate; ratfish; finescale codling; and grenadier.



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